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Garrison Linked with 'New Left'

District attorney candidate Charles R. Ward today charged that incumbent Jim Garrison is "a member of the new left."

Speaking at the Exchange Club, Ward described two instances in which he said Garrison prevented prosecution of "anti-establishment" elements.

After the student disturbances at Southern University in New Orleans, Ward said he immediately ordered the arrest of the students who had "ripped down" the American flag.

HOWEVER, SAID Ward, Garrison later prevented the prosecution of the student demonstrators.

Also, said Ward, Garrison prevented prosecution of the Negro students who demonstrated at Fortier High School last year.

The two groups, Ward said, were not prosecuted because Garrison sympathizes with "their anti-establishment leanings."

DA CANDIDATE Harry Connick also is "left wing," charged Ward.

"He supports the American Civil Liberties Union," said Ward.

A new issue, said Ward, has been raised in the DA's race.

"It is Jim Garrison's health and his ability to serve if reelected.

"Jim Garrison is more seriously ill than he will admit. During the past two years, he has had a slipped disc, two hernias, bronchitis, amoebic disentary and virile encephilitis.